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amendments. One drafted for the Attorney General, which I think is incorporated in the bill, and another drafted by Senator Carpenter. I think this is incorporated in the bill. I'm not sure that this is wrong in either case. I did go down and talk to Doc Rogers, who did draft the Carpenter amendment. I'm not sure I understood correctly, I think he said that, he suggested to Senator Carpenter, that perhaps we didn't need this railroad aspect in it. The thing we just knocked out. And Senator Carpenter, I think, decided otherwise. Well, I could be wrong on both cases. I know this is complicated enough. But I think Senator Cavanaugh still has a good point. I'm not under the gun from anybody. I've heard from the railroad people, they made a case to me. Maybe I'm not smart enough to catch double play when they double deal. But I do think that a bill as important as this should be in the best form that it could be. And I don't think another day would hurt that much. And I would like to see the Judiciary Committee bring in Mr. Rogers, bring in the Attorney General. Maybe the bill is in perfect shape. I'm not sure that it is in bad shape. But I think it is important enough. That certainly it ought to be done right. And if it looks like I'm a coward, -or selling out to special interests. Let it. I think everything I've done here in four years would indicate that I'm not a coward, or have never sold out to special interests.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud. Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: Well, Mr. President. The statement was made. Why did the Legislature change it's position? Well let me answer that with a question. Why did the Legislature change it's position on Select File from General File? We change our positions around here because these bills have three stages of consideration. That's the very reason we consider them in three stages so we can change our position. And today we haven't changed our position on the bill. All we did was adopt an amendment. Now the statement was further made, we're looking for a leader. I think that's right. But not one to lead us to hell. Now lastly, the statement was made about the Attorney General, about his advice on this. All right. If my memory serves me correctly, and maybe it doesn't. The Attorney General wrote a letter to the standing committee, prior to the time this bill was considered on Select File. And as I recall, the Attorney General said, the proof of that will be in his letter, but as I recall, he said; the words to this affect; If you adopt any substantive amendments to this bill. Do it with caution. And I ask unanimous consent that that letter to the standing committee be printed in the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections? Hearing none. So ordered then. Fine dandy. O.K. Senator Schmit. Then Kelly. Then Burbach. What's before us is just to bracket the bill on Select File.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I rise in objection to the motion to bracket. I supported the Proud amendment. I supported it because I..the bill was already moved back. And I thought perhaps we could forstall anymore delaying tacticts. This bill is important. And it's important to all the other people in the State of Nebraska. It's